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Dog Connected to Fatal Hit and Run Case Located

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On June 7, 2017, 47 year old Jeremy Hardman and a friend witnessed Aaron Hosman roughly handling a small dog near 3600 West 4100 South. Hardman and his friend confronted Hosman and argued with him over his treatment of the animal. At some point, Aaron Hosman returned to his vehicle, made a U-turn and hit Jeremy Hardman as he was in the crosswalk at this location. Hosman then fled the scene. Evidence indicated that the act of hitting Hardman was intentional. Investigators subsequently located and booked Hosman into the Salt Lake County Jail on charges of Murder and Obstruction of Justice.

Since this incident, we have received numerous inquiries about the status of the dog that was in Hosman's custody. Hosman reported that he had returned the dog to its owner, a friend of his, however, investigators had not been able to locate the friend nor the dog. We are pleased to report that through the diligence of our investigators and officers, both the owner of the dog and the dog, Buddi the Chihuahua, have now been located. We have partnered with West Valley City Animal Services to have had Buddi examined and are happily able to confirm that Buddi is doing fine and is in the custody of his owner.

We appreciate the passion and compassion that drives our investigators and officers to do the very best job possible for victims, their families and even, as in Buddi's case, the smallest among us.

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